



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

We certainly hope that spring has arrived after a very long and cold winter. No matter what the weather, our school continues to thrive through its many activities and high expectations for student achievement.

Since the March Break, some of our students have been working on procedural writing while others have been looking at perspective and point of view. I am so pleased each time that I visit a class and students share a story they wrote (e.g., our grade 6s...) or show me how they have been using our netbooks to research and collate information on a variety of topics. Our grade 5s have been creating amazing presentations to demonstrate their learning on the different forms of energy. Some of these have been posted on our website. So, please take a moment to see their great work!

Each week, our students are engaged in extra-curricular activities thanks to the commitment and dedication of our staff. We have a games based active program run by our PALS leaders every Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesdays, our library is filled with chess players. While on Fridays, over 50 students dance in our gymnasium in preparation for the annual Folkfest jamborees.

It's hard to believe that there are only three months left in this school year. This may be the case, but we still have so much planned here at Timberbank. Term 2 Curricular Expectations, Eco Certification, School Climate Surveys, EQAO testing, Spring Concert, Soccer, Jump Rope for Heart, Track and Field, Spring Community Clean Up, Book Fair, PACHI's visit, Sports Day, Primary and Junior Math Days are just a few of the things we have to look forward to in the next couple of months.

Follow us on Twitter @Timberbank_TDSB to read what our students have to say about the amazing things happening at our small but mighty school!

Happy Easter to all those celebrating this upcoming weekend,

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

- April 15 Ward Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm at Kennedy Public School
- April 18 GOOD FRIDAY - No School
- April 22 EASTER MONDAY - No School
- April 25 Earth Day; Jump Rope for Heart; Spring Community Clean Up
- April 22 - May 2 School Climate Surveys to be completed for Grades 4 to 6 students & parents
- May 1 Public Library visits for kindergarten students
- May 2 Track and Field Event for grades 1 to 6 students (Raindate: May 9th)
- May 5 Folkfest Jamboree at the Scarborough Civic Centre @ 5:45pm
- May 6 Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Parent Information Night
- May 7 Junior Math Day in the morning
- May 8 Primary Math Day all day
- May 12 Ms Mourad and Ms Namasivayam's classes visit Forest Valley
- May 12 School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library
- May 13 South Folkfest Event @ EYCI - meet at the school at 5:15pm



Eco News**WASTE AUDIT!**

On Thursday, April 10th, all of the Eco Reps went to the library and did a waste audit. We had collected a week's worth of garbage. We sorted food waste; soiled papers; real garbage; unopened containers; reusable items; recyclables; and recyclable paper.

We learned a lot from this experience. We learned that most people just put recycling items such as glass in the garbage. This is wrong and so we should start sorting things the way they should be sorted from now on.

We will be sharing more detailed results in our next newsletter. Written by: Seraiya and Elbert



Also, our school has committed to turning the "lights out" every Friday from 2:15pm to 3:15pm until the end of the school year. We hope this will help conserve energy and make a difference!! EcoTEAM

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S CORNER**ATTENTION PARENTS, GUARDIANS and CAREGIVERS**

Next School Council Meeting: Join us on Monday May 12th at 6:30pm in the Library. You will hear the Principal's update, get the inside scoop on what's been going on at the school and find out what activities are being proposed and planned for your kids including the Spring Fair. Come to listen or feel free to offer your opinions and ideas as well.

TAKE ACTION – Help Make the TIMBERBANK SPRING FAIR a Success

3rd Annual Spring Fair – Saturday June 14th from 11am to 3pm

As a parent, guardian or caregiver, you can help make this year's Spring Fair a success. Here are several ways you can have a positive impact on this major fundraiser and annual community celebration.

Mark Your Calendars – Plan to bring your family

Tell Your Friends/Neighbours – Invite others from outside the school.

Help at the Event – Lend a hand on-site with various activities from set up, manning a booth, selling food, supervising activities, making cotton candy or pop-corn etc. You can offer to help for an hour or two or throughout the whole fair.

Buy/Sell a Table – Vendor tables available for \$25 per table for the day.

Sponsor or Find Sponsors – Donations over \$25 receive a tax receipt.

Donations are critical to reduce the cost of this annual school/community event. Donation letters are available to provide potential sponsors or for vendor tables with information about the fair. **Contact Gerald Jones**

<gerald.jones@yahoo.ca> to find out how you can help find sponsors or to make donations in support of this event. Letters are also available through the principal's office.

CONTACT: Email us at timberbank.publicschool@yahoo.ca if you have any questions about these opportunities or speak to a member of the school council.



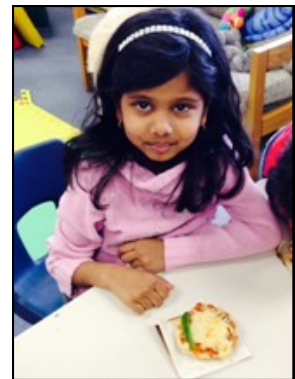


Kinder Chef News



The Kindergartens had a fantastic time in March making a “Silly Face Pizza”! We used some of our favourite toppings including pizza sauce, shredded cheese, mushrooms and green peppers. Once we designed our silly faces, we baked them in the oven and enjoyed a warm, delicious pizza!

Here are some pictures of our Kinder Chefs hard at work



Reminders:

- Cars dropping off students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for **NO Stopping**. Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank. Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do **NOT** block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!** We need everyone's help with this!
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. Spring has arrived and sometimes it is still “cool” out. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play.
- When reporting your child's absence, if they have been diagnosed with a communicable (contagious) illness, it is **VERY** important that we are notified in the office (e.g. Chickenpox).



Reminder!

Morning Announcements

Each month a class is responsible for doing our morning announcements. A script is provided along with the "ON TRACK" quote for the day.

We are so proud of the grade 1s in Ms Mourad's class who have been working hard on their reading and oral presentation skills. April was their month! Two students arrived early each day ready to give the morning message. Well done Grade 1s!!



Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

Applications for lunchroom supervisors are being accepted on an ongoing basis to meet operational needs. If interested, feel free to call the school more information or visit to apply at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Employment.aspx>

Do you want to ensure they enjoy fresh, cold milk?



Our Girls Club is participating in the Elementary School Milk Program run by Dairy Farmers of Canada. Students are able to purchase fresh, cold milk every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This program provides the kind of healthy goodness that helps children concentrate, have more energy, and get the most out of their school day! No other drink comes close to giving children the 16 essential nutrients they need to grow and be healthy. The profits will assist in funding workshops to empower our Girls in becoming strong healthy young women.



Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their "Cooperation, Commitment and Courtesy" and staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

Mrs. Ball's class: Aishnavi, James, Jamie, Ryan and Sherice

Ms Walia's class: Bonita, Cynbia, Ian, Jiapeng, Lukas and Sanky

Ms Sookraj's class: Haidee, Isabelle and Kathir

Ms Mourad's class: Jacob, Jimmy, Mimi, Oviya and Shirley

Ms Namasivayam's class: Evan, Jazmine and Kyle

Ms Boulos's class: Daniel, Jason, Samuel and Sharon

Mr. Rands's class: Amy, Ethan, Kimberly and Marlene

Ms Cheng/Mr. Mirshahi's class: Kate and Mark

Ms Persaud's class: Abirami, Aleena, Mathangy, Mirror and Nathaniel

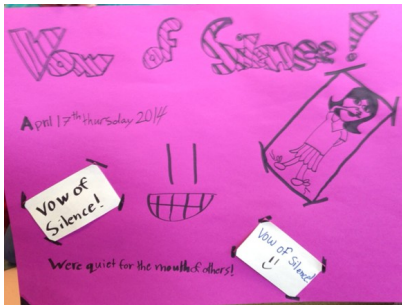
Mrs. Corrieri's class: Aathrayan, Eugen, Fabrizia, Jennifer and MuLei

Mr. O'Connor's class: Bhavika, George, Hajra, Jim and Shevani



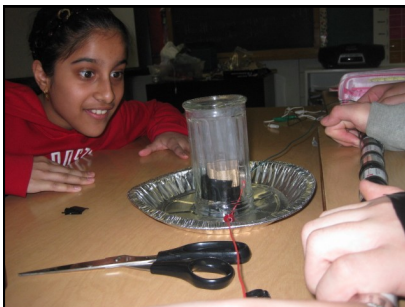
On Thursday April 17, 2014 the Girls Club is taking on the Vow of Silence! What that means is all the Girls Club members, including Ms. Boulos, Ms. Namasivayam and Ms. Mourad are going to stay silent all day, and not talk at all. We are doing this to support the millions of children around the world that are facing poverty and don't have a chance at a proper education. As Malala Yousafzai said, "We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." We hope you will help to support us in taking on this vow this Thursday April 17th.

From: The Girls Club



Engineer in Residence Program

We are very fortunate to have Mr. Karkhanis who is working with our grade 6 class on various engineering concepts. His active and on-hands approach to learning has our students wanting more each time. They certainly look forward to his visits. Last month, they worked on creating light bulbs. Check it out!



Grade 3 Social Studies: Working and Living in Ontario

Recreation & Tourism:

We planned a recreation Fantasy Day at Niagara Falls! We researched what we can see, do and how much it will cost.

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My Fantasy Day in Niagara Falls

Name: _____

Date: _____

You have just been given \$200 to spend travelling around Niagara Falls. Use the brochures and websites to plan out your day. What would you like to see and do? How much will it cost you? Remember, you can't go over \$200, so make sure you add up your money!!!

Here are the attractions I would like to visit on My Fantasy Day in Niagara Falls:

Altogether, this would cost me: _____

I know that Niagara Falls is a tourist community because: _____

I think tourist communities help people by: _____



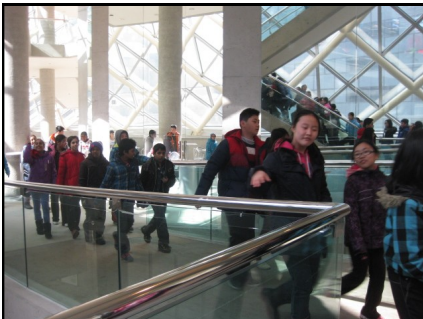
International PINK Day!

Every day could be PINK day at Timberbank because we believe that is important to respect one another always and to be understanding of our differences! We recognize this by being "ON TRACK" all the time.



TSO Trip to Roy Thomson Hall

On April 2nd, all the grade 4, 5, and 6 students had the unique opportunity to travel downtown to Roy Thomson Hall to hear the Toronto Symphonic Orchestra in a special performance for students. They all were very excited to come back and share what a "cool" place Roy Thomson Hall was and how much they enjoyed the "Mystery" themed performance.



Rocks and Rings!

On Wednesday, April 9th, all of our grade 1 to 6 students had a chance to learn about the game of curling!

Our students were so excited since both the Men's and Women's Canadian Curling teams won Gold at Sochi during these Olympic Games. We hope that this experience has sparked a love for curling in many of them.

Take a look at the fun we had!!

